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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 973
By White

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Lawrence County High School Girls' Basketball Team and Head Coaches John and Gail Wild on the completion of another outstanding season.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to recognize those outstanding teams of young men and women who display courage and diligence and attain excellence in the realm of athletics; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy team is the 2001-2002 Lawrence County High School Girls' Basketball Team, which recently completed another stellar season with an impressive record of thirty-one wins and five losses; and

WHEREAS, this extraordinary team placed third in the White Division of the Nike Tournament of Champions and finished as the Runners-up of District 8-AAA; and

WHEREAS, the powerful Lady Cats won the coveted Region 4 AAA Tournament by defeating Riverdale 56-47 in the semifinal game and Oakland 56-51 in the regional title match; and

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WHEREAS, the Lady Cats earned the Sectional Tournament Championship with an exciting 60-51 victory over Bradley Central and garnered a berth in the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence County posted impressive wins over Beech 45-36 and Memphis East 71-60, only to fall to Sevier County in the State Championship Game 52-44; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County High School Girls' Basketball Team is composed of gifted athletes, several of whom have earned individual honors for their outstanding performances; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy Lady Cat is Senior Superlative Mary Beth Berry, who has earned numerous honors and awards, including recognition as a Class AAA Miss Basketball Finalist; and

WHEREAS, Arleigh Brackin also earned several honors for her meritorious service to the team, including being named to the TACA All-Star Team; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Cats pride themselves on teamwork, each player placing the needs of the team above individual honors and personal concerns; and

WHEREAS, the members of this outstanding team are Mary Beth Berry, Arleigh Bracken, Ashley Helton, Jennifer Hester, Katie Holt, Kaley Hughes, Cari Pope, Kristen Spann, Rachael Stone and Catie Woods; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Girls' Basketball Team is inspired to greater heights by the highly respected Head Coaches John and Gail Wild; and

WHEREAS, the team benefited from the dedication of managers, Lauren Howe and Suzanne Kermicle; and

WHEREAS, throughout the season, the Lady Cats enjoyed the enthusiastic support of the administration, faculty, staff, students and fans of Lawrence County High School; and

WHEREAS, the athletic excellence attained by this phenomenal basketball program is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of coaches and players alike and deserves special recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend the Lawrence County Girls' Basketball Team and Head Coaches John and Gail Wild on the completion of yet another outstanding season, congratulate them upon reaching the finals of the State Tournament, and wish them well in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.